

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**WHAT A MILESTONE!** Mrs. Zade Bouyer, a resident of the Elba Nursing Home, certainly had plenty to celebrate Tuesday, July 27, 2004 as she turned 100-years-old. In honor of this wonderful occasion, the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home hosted a birthday party for Mrs. Bouyer. Joining the "birthday girl" for the party were her daughter, Chris Jacobs, granddaughter, Judy Irvin, close friends and neighbors, Allene Lee and Mary Kelley, and many other friends. Also attending the party were 35 residents of the nursing home. Everyone enjoyed refreshments including birthday cake and chips.

**4th Annual Foggy Bottom Classic**  
Elba Tigers vs. Highland Home Flying Squadron  
Thursday, Aug. 19th • Miller Memorial Stadium • Kickoff 7 p.m.

## New laws bring changes in motor vehicle registration procedures, Jan. 1, 2005

Recent legislation passed during the 2004 Regular Session makes some sweeping changes in Alabama's motor vehicle registration laws, effective Jan. 1, 2005, specifically relating to prorated registration fees and vehicle registration expiration periods, according to the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR).

Under current law, a vehicle owner is allowed to prorate the vehicle's registration renewal fees by submitting a non-use affidavit to the county license plate issuing official if the vehicle is out of service at the start of the owner's 12-month registration period. Act 2004-292 eliminates the prorated fee provision for all vehicles except motor homes, farm trucks, and newly-acquired vehicles, effective Jan. 1, 2005.

The ADOR advises commercial and private vehicle owners to pay special attention to the prorated fee provision. Other than the exceptions noted, owners whose vehicles are out of service at the time of their registration renewal month and who wait until after Jan. 1, 2005 to register their vehicles will be charged fees for the full 12-month registration year, plus delinquent penalties and interest. Act 2004-292 prohibits the prorated registration fees, beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Another important change, according to the ADOR, involves the vehicle's registration expiration date. Under current law, an owner's motor vehicle registration expires on the last day of the month before the owner's registration renewal month begins. In effect, the owner's registration expiration date and the owner's registration renewal month are not the same dates under current law. The new law, effective Jan. 1, 2005, changes the owner's expiration date to the last day of the owner's renewal month, thus making the two dates—expiration date and renewal deadline date—the same for the owner.

To accommodate changes made in the registration expiration date, Act 2004-554 changes the owner's registration period to begin the first day of the month following the owner's renewal month. It does not change the expiration date and renewal deadline date.

For more information concerning Alabama motor vehicle registration requirements, contact the department's Motor Vehicle Division at (334) 242-9000.

## USDA Rural Development offers no down payment home loans

Families and individuals in Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties have the opportunity to become

homeowners through USDA Rural Development's homeownership program. USDA Rural Development's Direct Loan Program is available to qualifying applicants in rural areas to purchase an existing home, construct a new home or to make improvements to an existing home.

"USDA Rural Development's home loan program is a vital part of President Bush's efforts to grow homeownership while creating jobs and stimulating the economy," said Steve Pelham, state director of USDA Rural Development. "USDA Rural Development is proud to play a key role in the record setting housing market that has flourished during the past three years. Homeownership is the best available tool for most Americans to build equity, provide security for their family and become a vested partner in their community."

Typically, no down payment is required and the applicant can borrow up to 100 percent of the appraised value of the property. Based upon the applicant's household income, some loans have an interest rate as low as one percent. Income limits vary from county to county and are based on the number of people in the household and the median income for the county.

The property to be purchased must be located in a rural area, which includes all of Coffee, Crenshaw, Geneva and Pike counties and all of Dale County except for areas in and around Napier Field and Grimes. Additional eligibility requirements include having an acceptable credit record and adequate income to repay the housing loan plus other living expenses.

The USDA Rural Development office serving Coffee, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties is located in Ozark. For more information on USDA Rural Development's homeownership programs, call the Ozark office at (334) 774-4926, ext. 4.

## ABTT searching for oldest restaurants

The Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel is searching for the oldest restaurants in the state. ABTT is also looking for any restaurant, regardless of how long it has been in business, which is located within a historic home or historic building. Anyone with information about possible restaurants to include in the two lists should contact ABTT at 1-800-ALABAMA.

"We are building two lists: one for the oldest restaurant and one for restaurants in old, historic buildings," said Lee Sentell, director of the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel. "We have identified a dozen restaurants that have met the 50-year mark," he said, "but we want to make sure we have done an exhaustive search."

He said the agency would break down the list into three timeframes: 25 years or more, 50 years or more, and 75 years or more. He said the agency is compiling the information to post on its Web site, [www.800Alabama.com](http://www.800Alabama.com).

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# The Elba Clipper

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## Grimes elected to third term as Mayor of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Registered voters within the City of Elba let their choice be known Tuesday, Aug. 24, as the city held its municipal elections. Offices up for election included mayor, city councilman for district one, city councilman for district two and city councilman for district three.

The mayor's race found two-time incumbent James Grimes facing Randy Bedsole.

A total of 1,127 unofficial votes were cast in this race with Grimes receiving the majority at 644. Bedsole received 483 total votes.

Of the three city council districts

for district three, incumbent David Bandstra was elected to serve his second term as Elba City Councilman for District Two. There were 347 votes cast in this race with Bandstra receiving 267. His opponent Helen Farris received 80 votes.

The voters of District One elected the challenger Tom Hooks to serve as their councilman for the next four years. There were 250 votes cast in this district race. Hooks received 152 votes while Burch received 98 votes.

The closest race of the day was that of city council, district three with only 13 votes separating the two candidates, however, it was political new-

comer Mike McKee receiving the nod with 114 votes. Incumbent H.H. "Junior" Culliver received 101 votes.

The newly elected officials will take office in October. McKee will join Harold Spicer, city councilman for District Four, and Ronnie Hammond, city councilman for District Five, in leading the City of Elba for the next four years.

Spicer and Hammond already were declared winners in their districts since neither had any opposition.

The following is a breakdown of the mayor's race by districts:

**District One**  
James Grimes ..... 87  
Randy Bedsole ..... 158

**District Two**  
James Grimes ..... 239  
Randy Bedsole ..... 94

**District Three**  
James Grimes ..... 122  
Randy Bedsole ..... 93

**District Four**  
James Grimes ..... 94  
Randy Bedsole ..... 36

**District Five**  
James Grimes ..... 94  
Randy Bedsole ..... 17

**Absentee Ballots**  
James Grimes ..... 8  
Randy Bedsole ..... 8

## Several citizens ask Elba City Council to reconsider ballpark idea for Smith Avenue

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council heard "not in my back yard" complaints at the Monday night meeting.

Former Elba Mayor Fred Moore led a group of five people who were protesting the vote at a previous council meeting to seek a grant to build some public ball parks on Smith Avenue. The area selected is property the city acquired as part of the buy-out program, following the flood of 1998.

Moore opened his presentation with a promise to the council that he wasn't at the meeting to raise funds.

He explained that he had read in the newspaper that the council was applying for a grant to build a ballpark on Smith Avenue. He said this would be 125 feet from his front door and it would add lots of traffic and trash to the area. Moore asked the council to disapprove the location.

He added that he was in favor of the ball parks, but not that location. With Smith Avenue

now being a dead end street, he thinks park visitors could only park in the streets and feel it there is enough extra land behind the swimming pool.

The former mayor attempted to get the council to vote on his request to reverse their decision Monday night, but by unanimous vote the matter was tabled.

Mayor James Grimes assured the group that the council would take their concerns under consideration. He added that lots of things, including approval of the grant request, must come together for this new ball field to come about.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported to the council of an approved equipment grant through the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). The \$50,000 worth of equipment will upgrade the communication capabilities of the department.

During emergencies they can keep police, fire and rescue workers in contact with each other. They can also work with

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## Coffee County Commission hears budget requests

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Requests to consider during budget hearings headlined the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday, Aug. 23, as three county officials made presentations for their departments as well as a representative for a local emergency medical service provider.

Bill Dean, treasurer for the CCEMS Inc. board, addressed commissioners and said he wanted to update commissioners on the organization's current status and make a budget request.

Dean said the non-profit organization of CCEMS Inc. took over operations of the local ambulance service located in

Elba on Nov. 1, 2003. Before that time, the operation was a privately owned for-profit business.

"When we took over, we had no cash, we had nothing," Dean said. "We knew we could not operate as the business had in the past, so we started cutting expenses."

For some time now, Dean said the organization has been able to operate at a break even mode. He said this is something the organization would not have been able to do without the help of the City of Elba, Coffee County Commission and private donors.

Dean especially thanked commissioners for a \$6,000 donation it made to help the organization purchase software for billing. He said being able to do the billing in-house has cut several thousand dollars in yearly expenses.

Through the various cuts made by the organization's board, Dean said CCEMS is at this time able to handle its monthly expenses; however, board members believe the upcoming year will reveal increases in fuel, insurance and other related expenses that will require additional funding.

Therefore, he asked commissioners to consider increasing its monthly financial support for ambulance service for county residents by 6 percent. He said this will bring the county's cost

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## James E. Grimes Full-time Mayor

Improvements  
for Senior  
Citizens

Millions invested  
in city  
improvements

Increased local  
support for  
schools

Hundreds of  
new jobs  
created

New and  
expanding  
industry

Fiber optic  
High-speed  
Internet Access

Airport  
improvement  
project

\$12 million  
Levee project

Recreational  
Improvements

Millions  
invested in  
highway  
improvements

One of our most precious freedoms is the freedom to vote for the candidate of our choice. During the past few weeks I have met most of you as I have gone from door to door soliciting your vote for Mayor of Elba. I appreciate the many kindnesses extended to me and my family. I realize that I have been unable to see all of the citizens, so if I have missed you, please let me take this opportunity to ask for your vote and support on August 24th. I want to be a positive voice for all the citizens of our great city, and with your vote, we can make it happen.

PS: Pol. Adv. by James E. Grimes, P.O. Box 561, Elba, AL 36523

## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA/TROY UNIVERSITY CLUB** will hold its annual membership meeting Thursday night, August 26 (tonight), at 6:30 p.m. at Elba Country Club. Food, refreshments, door prizes and fun for all. All members and friends of TSU are urged to attend.

**FRIENDS OF THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY (FOEPL)** will host a program entitled, "Introduction to the Alabama Virtual Library," Thursday, Aug. 26 (tonight), at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Elba Public Library.

**THE 2004 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** will begin Friday, Aug. 27, with all local teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Brantley to take on the Bulldogs, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Zion Chapel to meet the Rebels and the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Union Springs to meet the Bullock County Hornets.

**THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE** in Ozark will be closed Thursday and Friday, Sept. 2 & 3, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

**WIREGRASS HOSPICE INC.** will conduct its monthly GriefShare group meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 2 p.m. in the community room of The Citizens Bank, 301 S. Edwards St. (near the courthouse), in Enterprise. This group is open to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. For more information, contact Catrina Arnold at 347-3353.



**HERE COME THE TIGERS...**Elba football players, coaches, cheerleaders, band members and fans made that annual trip down memory lane last Thursday evening, Aug. 19, when the Elba Tigers played host to the Highland Home Flying Squadron for the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic at Miller Memorial Stadium. Although "Foggy Bottom" continues to have a special place in the heart for many Elba supporters, it has not been the home of the Elba Tigers since the end of the 1992 football season. Instead, the stadium now is used mostly for recreation league football games. However, last Thursday evening's pre-season game marked the fourth year in a row Elba supporters have returned to 'ole foggy bottom for another Tiger showdown, and the game certainly lived up to the reputation of the past as the Tigers and Flying Squadron kept everyone excited until the very end.







# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## Vanderbilt Holiness Church's Gospel Singing to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, August 28, 2004, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The featured group will be "Messiah's Messengers Quartet" from Freeport, Florida. This group was recently chosen as a finalist in a national Christian music talent search.

The gospel singing will be sponsored by Daywind Records of Nashville, TN. They recently released a new CD entitled "Heaven's Morning." This special event is open to the public.

Vanderbilt Holiness Church is located on Coffee County Road 114, 1 mile past Wayne Farms Southland. For more information call (334) 897-3778.

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\*\*\*AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Cleveland Coon - August 22, Thon D. Underwood - August 23 (I.M.O.), Angela Coon - August 24, Harold Lee - August 25 (I.M.O.), Alan Belcher - August 26, Leavy Horstead - August 26, Eric D. Jordan - August 27, Andy Hardwick - August 29, Lance Cross - August 30, Joyce Jones - August 31

\*\*\*FOUNDERS WAY PROGRAM: of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Association - August 29, 2004, 6:00 p.m. at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Educational Bldg., Elba, located on Hwy. 84. The speaker will be Rev. Walter Steele from New Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lenwood Alabama. Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the moderator.

\*\*\*THE MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT: Ministers, Deacons & Laymen's Union will convene at Rockyhead M.B. Church, Elba, at 9:45 A.M. August 29, 2004. Rev. A.R. Williams, Pastor, Rev. J.M. Bryant, President

\*\*\*VISITORS: Onis Johnson & Rev. Joyce Johnson of Tusculum, Alabama. Warren Belcher & Christopher & King of Montgomery, Alabama were visitors in the home of Eria Lindsey Belcher-Elba this past weekend.

\*\*\*MUSICAL PROGRAM: honoring Sister Annie L. Flowers will be held September 4, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at the Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba, featuring Eria Lindsey Belcher, J.B. Jones Gospel Singers, True Religion, The Traveling Stars and Minister Roderick Rideaux.

\*\*\*23RD APPRECIATION SERVICE: for Rev. and Sister

FL. Flowers to be held September 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m., Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba. The guest speaker will be Rev. Harvey Williams, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, New Brocton.

His love of sports and his commitment to the community prompted him to become a referee and umpire at games throughout the area. He became a member of the Wiregrass Athletic Association, once even serving as its president. His tireless dedication was recognized in 1994 with an Official of the Year Award by the Tri-County football Officials Association as well as a Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama High School Athletic Association for 42 years of service.

And still Gaines gave more, acting as Senior Class Advisor and even as the Artist who transformed the old gym for the prom, the Halloween Carnival, and graduation ceremonies. In the classroom, he demanded the best from his students in Math and Mechanical drawing. He assisted the Principal and helped out where ever a need arose. He opened the first Recreation Center in Mulberry Heights, managed the swimming pool and served for several years as a member of the Recreational Board of Elba.

Gaines Waters years of devotion to the community impacted generations. As his family, we are proud that his many years of dedication to teaching, coaching and mentoring have been honored by those whose lives he has touched.

Gaines and Margaret Waters have been married nearly 57 years. They have two daughters, Gloria Jean Trotman and Gladys Gordon. Gloria has two children, Christopher and Adria. Gladys is married to Greg Gordon and they have four children: Gayna, Pernell, Kim, and Kai Gordon. Gayna and Grafton Gayle have two children: Kyra and Jonathan. H. Pernell is married to Curtina Smith. All the family live in the Washington DC area.

Today is a good day! be grateful.

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Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church to host gospel singing

There will be a gospel singing at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, August 28th, beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located on Coffee County Road 228 near Victoria.

Everyone is invited.

Sharing & Caring Program planned for Sis. Dorothy Flowers

There will be a Sharing and Caring Program held for Sis. Dorothy Flowers, August 28, 2004 at 7 p.m. This will be held at Springfield Baptist Church, New Brocton, Ala. The pastor is Rev. H. C. Williams.

This program is being sponsored by The Helping Angels.

Gospel Singing planned at Faith Assembly of God

The Faith Assembly of God Church will host a gospel singing Saturday, August 28th at 7 p.m.

The Millers from Chipley, Fla., Kesha Vickers from Ozark and others will be singing. There will be no admission charge, but an offering will be received. Everyone is invited.

The church is located at 499 Meredith Street, Enterprise, Ala. For more information call: 334-393-6620 or 894-6371.

Gospel Singing set for August 28th at Perdue Assembly of God

There will be a gospel singing at Perdue Assembly of God, Tuesday, August 28th at 6 p.m. It will feature The Good News Singers from Opp, Ala. and The Smith's from Troy, Ala. and other singers.

The church is located on County Road 201, Troy.

Joseph Bentley Long, son of Victor and Whitney Long of St. Simons Island, Ga., celebrated his 5th birthday July 7, 2004 with 5 little friends joining him for a "Birthday Sleep-Over" at his home.

After enjoying a birthday meal at Brogan's in the village, the "Birthday Boy" and friends walked around the street for ice cream at "Beaches n' Cream."

Returning home for the cutting of the Spiderman birthday cake, snacks, and movies, who should appear but Spiderman himself, much to the delight of the boys!

A good time was had by all! Bentley is the grandson of John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla.; Roma Long, St. Simons Island, Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan, Enterprise, Ala., and the late Jones J. Wise, Jr., Elba.

Great-grandmothers are Irene Long, Bainbridge, Ga.; Mary Alice Wise, Elba, and Mary Lacey, Red Level.

Zion Chapel School to have PTO meeting August 26

Zion Chapel will hold a PTO meeting in the Zion Chapel High School auditorium, August 26, 2004 at 6 p.m.

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

# LIFESTYLES & AREA NEWS

## Miss Barringer & Mr. Daniels to wed Saturday, August 28

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kayden Barringer request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Ashley Katherine to Mr. Bryan Patrick Daniels on Saturday, the 28th of August, 2004 at seven o'clock in the evening at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Birmingham, Ala. The reception will follow the ceremony at Inverness County Club.

## Class of 1999 plan class reunion

Attention EHS Class of 1999, your 5th year reunion is just around the corner and plans for this are in the making. Contact information for many of the class members is needed. Please call or email Anna Maddox at 897-3200 or talk2banana@yahoo.com. Also find out how you can become part of the Class of 99 email group and keep up with the latest on your former classmates.



Joseph Bentley Long

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# SCHOOLS



## Brantley Bulldogs ready to open season Friday night

by Jeremy Dorsey

On Aug. 2, thirty-six players suited up to start the 2004 Brantley football season.

The team is led by 11 seniors: Davaris Skanes, Antwan Foster, Rashad Daniels, Jeremy Dorsey, Josh Burnett, Zack Kilcrease, Lance Morgan, Lance Myers, Jeremy McCain, Daniel Gulley and Joshua Rayborn.

The team has sweated and trained hard to perfect their plays and will do whatever it takes to bring home a state championship.

The season kicks off Friday, Aug. 27, against Elba.

**2004 Football Schedule:**

Aug. 27 • Elba (home)

Sept. 3 • Goshen (away)

Sept. 10 • Zion Chapel (home)

Sept. 17 • Arton (away)

Sept. 24 • Highland Home (away)

Oct. 1 • Kinston (home)

Oct. 8 • Florida (away)

Oct. 15 • Pleasant Home (home)

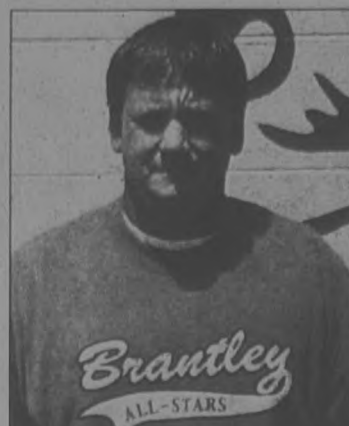
Oct. 22 • McKenzie (home)

Homecoming

Oct. 28 • Luverne (home)



2004 Brantley Bulldogs



Head Coach David Lowery



A few of the senior Bulldog players

## Cheerleaders ready to cheer Bulldogs to victory

by Emily Cain

The 2004-05 Brantley High School varsity cheerleaders are Destin Kilcrease, captain, and

senior, Jill Smith, co-captain and senior, Laken Dean, senior, Kayla Kervin, senior, Brittany Walker, senior, Brittany Ballard, sophomore, Casey Free, Lynley

Godwin, sophomore, Jamie Majors, sophomore, Emily Cain, mascot and senior, Kelly Kilcrease, sponsor, and Kim Lowery, sponsor.

In June, the squad attended UCA Cheerleading Squad at Panama City Beach, Fla. with 25 other squads from all over the South. The girls worked very hard and even got to cheer on the beach! The squad was in three different competitions: extreme routine, cheer routine and home-point routine. The girls placed second in each competition.

Brittany Ballard, Laken Dean, Kayla Kervin, Destin Kilcrease, Jill Smith and Brittany Walker tried out and made UCA all-stars. They were also given the opportunity to go to London, England for making all-stars.

The squad is very excited about the 2004-05 football season, and encourages everyone to come out and support the Bulldogs on Friday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. in Brantley against the Elba Tigers.



2004-05 Brantley High School varsity cheerleaders & mascot

**SUPPORT THE BULLDOGS WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE GAMES!!!**

## BHS welcomes new teacher

by Rashad Daniels

Rita Anderson is a new teacher at Brantley High School.

Anderson graduated from Troy University with a major in biology. She is married to Michael Anderson who teaches science at Goshen High School and is the head baseball and a football coach.

When asked how her experience has been so far at

Brantley, Anderson said, "Well, the teachers are really nice and the students are also, but at times, the students can get out of hand. I think it is because I'm the new teacher."

When asked how it feels being a first year teacher, she said, "At first it was sort of scary because I didn't know what to expect, but then I got used to it."

Her only other response was, "GO BULLDOGS!!!"

## Brantley High School's "Emerald Wave" ready for marching season

by Shane Haws

The Brantley High School Emerald Wave Marching Band has been working very hard and is very excited about the 2004 marching season.

The band has 53 members participating under the on field direction of band director Kim Noblin and drum major Amber Dates.

LaTessa Wiley is the colorguard captain, and Shontara King is the colorguard co-captain. Other leaders in the band are: Cressia Mitchell, flute; Dusty Dunn, clarinet; Hunter Beck, saxophone; Shakelia Salter, trumpet; Shane Haws, low brass; Rachel Barnes, per-



2004 Brantley High School Emerald Wave Marching Band

ussion, and Robbie Chappell, percussion.

The band's first halftime performance will consist of an orig-

inal opener entitled, "Spitfire," plywood as percussion instruments, "Hey Ya," and "The Victors," more commonly known as the Brantley High School fight song.

The band will participate in Trojan band day on Oct. 2, and will also sponsor a barbecue supper on Oct. 7 to raise money for the cleaning of uniforms.



The theme for Brantley Elementary this year is "Catch the Learning Wave!" Here are the teacher posing in their learning wave t-shirts.

## Student Hi-Lite

by Shane Haws



Mrs. Kelly Kilcrease, cheerleader sponsor, has nominated Destin Kilcrease as this month's Student Hi-Lite.

Destin is a senior and is captain of the varsity cheerleaders. She is also a member of the yearbook staff, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Career and Community Leaders of America and Future Farmers of America.

Destin was also named an all-star at UCA Cheer Camp in Panama City Beach, Fla. last June.

Mrs. Kelly said Destin is a wonderful leader with a great attitude. She is also very hard working, dedicated and responsible.

Congratulations, Destin, and keep up the great work!

# SCHOOLS



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
Kayla Kelley

## Elba hopes new coach will reenergize Tiger football

by Duke Carr

With only two winning seasons in the last nine years, there has been little expectation that the Elba Tigers could reestablish their supremacy in the football rankings. Diminishing attendance and a lack of players wanting to participate have left little, if any, hope that Elba could get back to being the dominating powerhouse it was in the late 80s and early 90s.

All that is about to change this year. Elba has a new coach with a new plan.

Most people view Coach Scott Rials as a fresh start.

"You can't change the past, you can only look to the future," Rials said. "If we continue to work hard and keep focus, winning will take care of itself."

Behind Coach Rials comes a new spread offense with a completely different coaching style. In the past, Elba ran the pro offense formation which gave up to their previous legacy.

Junior quarterback Brandon Kelley seems to think so.

"I feel like we can win more with this different type of offense," Kelley said. "I think Coach Rials has a great chance of taking us to the playoffs and maybe even to the championship."

Even the coaches are excited.

"I really have enjoyed working with Coach Rials this season," said Coach Wynn Grimes. "He has got a great workout program, and we are all expecting great things this season."

For the first time in many years, the buzz around "Tigertown" is surrounding a fresh start that many believe is just what the Elba Tigers need to reclaim their dominance. Beware, the tigers are returning!



Coach Scott Rials

This week's Co-op spotlight belongs to Ashley Walden.

Ashley is the 16-year-old granddaughter of Ronnie Walden and sister to Seth Walden, a seventh grader here at Elba High.

Ashley is entering her second year on the award winning Elba High School Marching Tiger Band Danceline. She is also actively involved in VICA, Spanish club and FBLA.

Ashley is a junior at EHS and is employed at Toledo Molding and Die where she has worked since June. She is currently the receptionist, and when asked what she enjoyed most about her job, she replied, "It provides a good working experience and the ability to meet new people."

After high school, Ashley plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in law.

Ashley describes herself as easygoing and a free spirit, but we classify her as this week's Co-op spotlight.

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Jason Allen

How does it feel to be the youngest students in the school again?

"It's really weird because last year we were the oldest, now we're the youngest."

Jonathan Farmer

What was your first impression of high school?

"Man, there are a lot of pretty girls up here!"

Colton Vaughn

What's your favorite class or

## First graders become pirates of Elba Elementary School

by Kayla Kelley

When entering Mrs. Mona Wise's first grade classroom during the first week of school, everyone was instantly reminded of the Disney movie "Pirates of the Caribbean."

As one might have guessed, the anxious first graders studied pirates their first week in school, and Mrs. Wise had her room decorated in a pirate theme to go along with the children's activities.

Throughout the week, they did various pirate activities. These activities included reading pirate stories, drawing wanted pictures of pirates, making pirate hats and wave jars and playing draw the "X" on the treasure map.

The class's favorite activity was the treasure hunt. A pirate left notes all over the school to help them find the treasure. The treasure box was filled with all kinds of treats for the children. For snack, the class ate pirate food.



Mona Wise's first grade class spent the first week of school learning all about pirates. Those pictured are (sitting): Austin, Audrey, Caitlin, Teona, Alex, Logan, Colton; (standing): Quan, Chance, Antonio, Travonne, Jala, B.J. and Blake. Not pictured are: Sydney, Sabrina and Cavosca.

## Elba Marching Tiger Band preparing for excellent season

by Rebecca English

August has rolled around again, which means summer has ended, school has started, and

what everyone has been waiting for since last football season is about to begin...band, duh!

Elba High School's Marching Tiger Band has been practicing for this year's halftime show since July 22, 2004 at band camp. "It went great," said Jeff Ellis, band director, in regards to band camp. "The weather cooperated, and we accomplished everything we wanted and more."

The band members have been working very hard in the heat outside and in the air-conditioned band room so they can top last year's awesome band and set the bar even higher.

"We've been talking about eliminating some bad habits, and we're doing our best to use our practice time as efficiently as possible," Ellis said. "I am cautiously optimistic. We are making good progress but our success is no reason to be complacent. We have to stay focused and keep working hard."

So please, come support your Elba High School Marching Tiger Band during the halftime shows at the Elba football games. Watch as their hard work pays off while you enjoy yourself, listening to their jazzy, upbeat music.

## When a common cold turns deadly

by Jennifer Grissett



Jo-Jo McBride

being this week's student spotlight!

In high school, a runny nose, a simple cough or any common cold can be spread easily. One would think that a dose of any over-the-counter medication would do, but most have no idea how serious colds can become.

Last year, EHS junior Chase Graham became ill with a cold commonly known as strep throat. Doctors say it is very unlikely for this cold to become encephalitis, but for Chase and his family, the unlikely became reality.

Encephalitis is the inflammation of the brain caused by swelling with the presence of immune cells. This disease is extremely severe. It causes someone to act as anyone having severe trauma to the brain. There is the loss of memory. One doesn't know where they were, who they were, their family or their friends.

Before being diagnosed with encephalitis, Chase had to be in ICU at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. There, he spent several days on a heart monitor. He was tested for West Nile Virus, Rheumatic Fever and Lyme Disease. Some of these tests included a spinal tap, a cat scan, and an EEG.

Chase had to take medications after each procedure was given. Finally, he was diagnosed with encephalitis and was sent to Birmingham. There, he was treated for this disease for six weeks before ever being released to come home.

After returning home, he was still not completely cured. Chase had to be on six different medications. The doctors had anticipated he would be on them at least a year, but they took him off his medication only three and a half months after leaving the hospital.

This illness is still not over for Chase. It takes the brain a long time to heal, but his mother, Wendy Kyser, thanks God and knows he is able to heal in time.



Chase Graham

## WELCOME TO THE TIGER TALES PAGE!!!



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Casey Medlock)...It's only the first day of school, but we're already exhausted!

## Seventh graders share first impressions of high school

by Kristi Spinks

Every year we introduce many new kids to this crazy place called high school. This year there are 70 seventh graders entering high school.

Everyone knows that being the new or youngest kid in the school can be very weird and scary, so I went around the school and got a few of their thoughts and opinions of high school. Here's what they had to say.

What do you like the most about Elba High School?

"The lunches." - Ethan Carpenter

What was your biggest fear

about entering high school?

"Getting pushed around and getting beat up by seniors."

Jo-Jo McBride

How is high school different from elementary school?

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Colton Vaughn

What's your favorite class or

subject so far?

"Mrs. Collin's English class."

D.J. McKee

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## BHS yearbook staff hard at work

by Amber Dates

The Brantley yearbook staff is getting started early this year, and the goal is to have a bigger and better yearbook by selling more ads and raising more money.

Last year was the first time in three years that Brantley had a yearbook. This year there will be a scheduled class period to work on the yearbook, and with the help of sponsor Debbie Hall, Brantley should continue to have a yearbook for many years to come.

The members of the yearbook

staff for the 2004-05 school year consist of: Emily Cain, Rashad Daniels, Amber Dates, Laken Dean, Jeremy Dorsey, Dusty Dunn, Lapresha Green, Shane Haws, Joyce Johnson, Kayla Kervin, Destin Kilcrease, Shontara King, Brittany Walker, and Jody Warrick.

Prices for ads in the Brantley yearbook will be: \$45 for a business card; \$75 for a quarter of a page; \$125 for a half of a page; and \$175 for a whole page.

Anyone interested in purchasing an ad in the Brantley yearbook should contact Debbie Hall at Brantley School (527-8879).



WELCOME TO BRANTLEY SCHOOLS...Student body president Rashad Daniels (left) joins Brantley principal Waylon Bush (center) and superintendent Kathi Wallace (right) in welcoming everyone to Brantley Schools. They hope everyone enjoys learning more about the school, students and staff through the "From the Dog Pound" news page.



REPORT TO THE OFFICE...School secretary Ms. Alfreida Wiley is shown hard at work.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ADOR hits one million mark in state business tax filings

Two months shy of its one-year anniversary, the Alabama Department of Revenue's Paperless Business Tax Filing Program hit the 1 million mark in tax filings. Since Oct. 1, 2003, business taxpayers have filed over 1 million sales, use, rental, lodgings, and withholding tax returns electronically and transmitted electronically over \$3.03 billion in tax payments to the state.

"This is indeed impressive," said State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees. "And everyone involved in the filing process—especially Alabama's business taxpayers—is commended on making a tremendous transition from a paper-filing environment to an electronic one. We are very pleased with the program's success and its acceptance by taxpayers."

Last October, the ADOR reached a milestone in its customer service efforts, processing capabilities, and operating efficiency levels in the business tax area. Our move to a paperless

filing system has totally changed the way we do business on a daily basis within the ADOR," said Surtees.

The ADOR estimates that it saves approximately one dollar for every return that is electronically filed.

"These are real, measurable savings," added Surtees.

Since last October, business taxpayers who file state and state-administered local sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes are required to file these returns electronically. In February 2004, the ADOR expanded its business tax mandatory electronic filing program to include the utility gross receipts, utility service use, mobile telecommunications services, pharmaceutical providers, Alabama nursing home privilege, direct pay sales and direct pay motor fuel taxes.

Last November, ADOR offered e-filing to all Alabama employers filing state income tax withholding returns. According to the ADOR, business taxpayers can choose to file their taxes electronically,

by using the Internet, or by telephone, using the ADOR's telephone-based filing system. Both systems are free to users. There are no filing or transaction fees that must be paid before a return is electronically filed.

Surtees reminds taxpayers that all taxpayer return information—whether paper or electronically-filed and received by the ADOR—is confidential information, protected by state and in some tax areas, by federal law.

For more information concerning ADOR's electronic filing programs, visit the department's Web site at [www.ador.state.al.us](http://www.ador.state.al.us).

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## Covington Electric Cooperative send help to south Florida in the continuing effort to restore power after Hurricane Charley

Residents of south Florida are still picking up the pieces after the devastation left by Hurricane Charley on August 13. The Category 4 storm had sustained winds of 145 mph, which caused massive power outages, catastrophic structural damage and loss of life.

Many of the people affected by Hurricane Charley are members of Peace River Electric Cooperative (PRECO) which is located in Wauchula, Fla. PRECO is a member-owned rural electric cooperative that serves approximately 30,000 members. Every PRECO member was without power following the storm and 8,000 still remain without power.

Covington Electric Cooperative (CEC) sent a line construction crew to the PRECO service area on Sunday, Aug. 22, to relieve other crews and to continue the effort of restoring power in south Florida. The eight-man crew drove two large bucket trucks, one service truck, one digger truck and one pick-up truck to Florida. The CEC construction crew is expected to remain in Florida for seven to nine days.

According to Brad Kimbro, PRECO vice president of marketing and member services, the co-op's electric distribution system is coming back together, but

helps co-ops to serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

"CEC has been on stand-by with regard to the situation in south Florida since the hurricane made landfall, and when the call for help came from PRECO, we were ready to send assistance," said Ed Short, CEC general manager. "Rebuilding an electric distribution system after a devastating storm like Charley is difficult at best. We've been there ourselves and we have our members. I know that power is being restored as quickly as is

humanely possible in that region and CEC will continue to provide assistance as needed. Our commitment to the community goes beyond county, or even state lines, in times of disaster," said Short.

## EEOC expands to local counties

The Birmingham District Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will conduct community education and Expanded Presence Program in Dothan on Sept. 1, 1 - 4 p.m. This program will be followed by Community Education Forum 6 - 8 p.m. at the Comfort Inn at 3593 Ross Clark Circle.

During the Community Education Forum, representatives from the Birmingham District Office will provide technical assistance and training to individuals desiring information regarding laws prohibiting employment discrimination enforced by EEOC, and individual rights and responsibilities under these laws.

Also, residents of Dothan and surrounding areas seeking further information regarding the Community Education Forum, individual interviews or Expanded Presence Program, may contact Beverly Hinton, Program Analyst, at 205/212-2082.

The EEOC utilizes Expanded Presence as a means of reaching individuals who reside in underserved areas not within commuting distance of the Birmingham District Office, who, because of their remote locations, are not aware of their rights and responsibilities under federal employment discrimination laws.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission enforces Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, The Age Discrimination in Employment Act, The Equal Pay Act, and The Americans With Disabilities Act.

The public is invited and there is no admission fee.

**Nursing Assistant Class Offered at Wiregrass Med Center**  
LBW Community College - MacArthur campus is now offering a Nursing Assistant Course in cooperation with Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva. The Fundamentals of Long Term Care Nursing Assistant Course is a three-week course, 98-hour program. Classes meet Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Classes and Clinicals are held on-site at Wiregrass Medical Center in Geneva. Applications are now being accepted for the Nursing Assistant Course. Class size is limited.

For more information regarding the course, contact the Enterprise Careerlink Office located at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle inside the Employment Office in Enterprise or phone (334) 393-3783. Individuals may call collect if needed.

## CITY

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other departments, such as Enterprise, and either department can handle all emergency communications for the other.

He added that he is working on an ADEC grant of \$15,000 to add video cameras to several more patrol cars. This grant will require a 10 percent cash match from the city.

Grimes briefly discussed the current financial statement and pointed out to council members that sales tax income continues to look good. The average of over \$78,447 for the first 10 months of the fiscal year is almost twice the monthly tax income for months and months following the 1998 flood.

Total city income is up but so are total expenses. Total expenses for the first 10 months are \$241,000 above budget estimates. Some of this is in prepaid insurance and note payments, but that prepaid amount is fast dropping as the

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office is becoming increasingly dependent upon PCs and the Internet to talk with state officials in Montgomery, and the county offices are currently using 7-year-old computers.

"Maybe this is the year we upgrade to higher technology," he said.

Sheriff Ben Moates mentioned several things his budget proposal asks commissioners to consider.

"One thing we've talked about for several years is an expansion of the sheriff's office," Moates said. "We've totally outgrown the facility."

He also said he is asking for more manpower. He said the requirements of the sheriff's department have gotten to the point where his office needs more people to do the job.

"Anytime we have someone put a strain on the rest of us," said Moates. "Manpower continues to be a problem."

The sheriff backed the county's D.A.R.E. program and said he believes it is a very, very important program. In the past, he said the budget has not allocated any funds for this program, but this year, he is asking for \$1,500 for the program.

Moates said the fees for the Alabama Sheriff's Association will increase from \$500 to over \$2,000 this year.

He also said he will be asking for four new cars again in 2005, as well as, the purchase of user guns and road spikes for the deputies and patrol vehicles.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved a proposal from CB&I Bank to be the county's depository for FY2005.
- Approved a motion to award the bid for annual placement of Bituminous Plant Mix to Bullard Excavating Co. at \$562,802.50.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Working as a team with their new physician assistant, Patrick Adair, and anesthesiologist, Dr. Kathy Schwock, who trained with Dr. Brooks at Emory University in Atlanta, the surgeons are partners in Southern Bone and Joint Specialists based in Enterprise. Adds Dr. Brooks, "I feel that with the expertise that Dr. Lett brings with him from his training at the Mayo Clinic along with the outstanding facilities and internal medicine staff we have here in Enterprise, we offer a level of care that is rare for a city of this size."

Dr. Brooks and Dr. Lett are currently accepting new patients at the Enterprise office and can be reached at (334) 308-9797.

year draws to an end.

The council reappointed James Ross Poole and Paul Morrow to the Elba Airport Authority. Each appointment is for a six year term, and Grimes told council members both had agreed to serve another term.

The mayor told council members that some costly work is going to be necessary at the sewage lagoon. ADEM requirements for tighter monitoring of fecal matter will cost the city from \$10,000 to \$20,000, according to the monitoring method approved for the Elba site. A chlorine system would cost the most, while a chemical shock treatment system would cost about \$10,000 to install and an additional \$100 per month for the chemicals.

Grimes also told council members that a sewer grant application had been turned down. All approved grants scored 257 or above on the

approved scale and Elba's needs score was 256. He added that the city would have to apply again next year for this grant to improve sewer lines in the area which includes Mullins Apartments.

Bill Dean gave the council an update on the CCMS, the non-profit emergency ambulance service serving Elba and West Coffee County.

He explained that the group started on November 1st, 2003 with nothing. He said that by cutting expenses below those of the former for-profit firm which formerly handled emergency ambulance service in Elba, getting corporate grants and support from both the City of Elba and the Coffee County Commission, they have managed to break even.

Dean thanked the Elba governing body for their continued support.

Grimes said that on behalf of the entire city council he wanted to express their appreciation for the great effort this group has put forth on this emergency medical issue.

## Gov. Riley's reform plan requires results and transparency

Governor Bob Riley says Alabama's budgets are going to get SMART. Specific, Measurable, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent.

Last week, Riley announced he is requiring each agency of state government to link its spending with measurable results that taxpayers will be able to see in annual reports that will be posted on the Internet.

"SMART budgeting requires each of us to ask the essential question - what exactly is government accomplishing for the people who pay for it?" Riley said. "That's a simple question, but it's one state government has never asked. My administration is determined to get the answer."

With SMART budgeting, state agencies will have to set specific performance goals, measure their success in meeting those goals and report annually to the public on how their programs have or have not met performance expectations.

"From now on, state government will chart a course for every activity that it takes the people's money for, tell the public what it is doing, stop the things that don't work and never stop improving the things that are working," Governor Riley said.

Alabama Finance Director Jim Main said SMART budgeting will assist state agency directors and the Legislature in identifying and eliminating ineffective programs or programs that cannot demonstrate they are effective.

After the Governor's announcement, state agency officials began a day-long orientation session to learn how they will implement the Governor's reform plan.

For more information, citizens can visit [www.smartbudgeting.state.al.us/](http://www.smartbudgeting.state.al.us/)



## Coffee County Schools hold summer school for students

The Coffee County School System recently completed summer school for its students. School officials said they used the summer session to concentrate on reading and math, but they also tried to make it fun for the students.

Each week was designated with a theme including:

- Puppet and Marionette Week where the students read puppet/marionette plays, made puppets and the students did a play;
- Spanish Week where the students received Spanish language instruction from Wanda Shirley, sampled cultural food, read stories about Spanish characters and made a Pinata;
- Pirate Week where students read pirate stories, designed a pirate flag, wrote limericks, studied pirate ship design and participated in water games;
- Cowboy and Indian Week where the students read stories with Western themes, studied designs of branding irons, made Indian shakers, studied Indian culture and traditions, participated in a picnic at Donaldson/Henderson park with cowboy hats;
- Space Week where the students researched history and progress of space travel, launched rockets and read stories about space travelers.

The above pictures are from the summer school students' picnic at Donaldson/Henderson park in Enterprise. Cowboy Steve was a special guest at the picnic. He did a rope and whip demonstration and told stories about the old West. He also provided character lessons that can be learned from the life of cowboys.

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I would like to take this time to Thank Everyone who supported me during this election and also for all the kindnesses, words of encouragement, thoughts and prayers. I am still a concerned citizen of Elba, Alabama, and will continue to support any and all efforts for the betterment of our town. Once again, my family and I extend our heartfelt gratitude to all that supported me during this election.

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Pd. Political Adv. by L.M. Burch, 997 Winston Ave., Elba, AL 36323

## Thank You Elba Citizens.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you, the people of Elba, for the support and kindness shown to my family and me throughout this recent campaign.

We have truly enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of you. My family shares the feeling that we have renewed many old ties and established new friendships which will stay with us forever. We cherish these connections as we share these happy moments with you.

I appreciate the confidence shown and promise to do the very best job possible and to make you proud of re-electing me "Mayor of Elba."

By your vote, you have also permanently opened the door to the mayor's office. I need and want your help...your suggestions, solutions and concerns. I promise to listen. Together we can project an image of Elba which you want and deserve. The road will be hard, but with your help, advice and support, the city council and I can do it.

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Mickey Counts, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Elba Division

/s/ Jeff W. Kelley  
Jeff W. Kelley (KEL0230)  
P.O. Box 505  
Elba, Alabama 36623  
Attorney for Sonya Denise Niamon  
8-12, 19-26 & 9-2ch

**MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Larry D. Warren and wife, Jennifer A. Tanner in favor of Green Tree Financial Corp. following the October 23, 1998, and recorded October 27, 1998, Book 99, Page 288 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Green Tree Financial Corp., Alabama, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Coffee County, Alabama on September 8, 2004, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Green Tree Financial Corp. Alabama  
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE

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## SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I haven't had the chance to ride with Melanie very many times since she turned fifteen, but over the weekend we headed over to Enterprise and I let her drive while I relaxed and offered some fatherly advice. I tried my best to instill some confidence in her driving skills and did give her a few pointers, but she did really well and I never once even had to threaten to take the wheel. Even though she doesn't turn sixteen until February she has told me she needs her own car to practice driving in, and while I agree, it will be a few months before we even think about car hunting.

## TIGERS LIGHT UP SCOREBOARD AT FOGGY BOTTOM

The Elba Tigers and Highland Home Flying Squadron met last week in the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic, and Miller Memorial Stadium may never be the same as the two 2A clubs combined for 87 points, 766 yards in total offense and put the ball in the air 55 times in what was billed as a preseason scrimmage. While it was true the game didn't count in the record books, both teams played with intensity for all four quarters and the contest had the feel of a playoff game as a large crowd on hand stood and cheered almost non-stop. One thing for sure, this year's Foggy Bottom Classic was a classic!

New Elba Tiger coach Scott Rials has called his offensive scheme "basketball on grass" and "fast break football," and even though the Tigers had only a couple of weeks to learn the new system, the Tigers put 46 points on the scoreboard and completed touchdown passes of 57, 56 and 73 yards. The Elba offense did have nine more running plays than it did pass plays, but the Tigers averaged over 33 yards per reception and did make it clear that they could score from anywhere on the field at any time.

Over on defense the Tigers struggled and surrendered 41 points and 380 yards in offense, but the Tigers did turn back two scoring threats in the first half and came up with a key interception late in the game to preserve the win. While it's true the Tigers missed more tackles than they made, they were spread all over the field by the Highland Home offense and most of the tackles were of the open field variety. One thing is certain, the coaches had a clear view of who could tackle and who couldn't.

Summing up the preseason game...it was a good high school game between two teams that wanted to win and left nothing on the field. Both teams had great fan support, despite the Thursday night date, and the game should have been a financial success for both programs. It was wild, but it was fun to watch and gave a lot of people the chance to see just how nice a stadium Miller Memorial still is. One Highland Home fan said the field was one that most 2A schools would die to have, and I agree.

## OPENING WEEK FILLED WITH BIG GAMES

The high school football season kicks off this week and it looks like a big week of action for all the teams in the area. Here is a quick look ahead...

\*\*\* Elba - The Tigers will head up to Brantley and all Elba fans will be waiting to see if the Tigers new "fast break offense" can work against a 1A power like the Brantley Bulldogs. The Tigers did play a lot of folks last week in their pre-season win over Highland Home and it is obvious that they have more depth than they have had in many, many seasons. While it is easy to see Elba should be a team to watch in the 2A ranks, the Tigers will get a real test Friday night and many more questions should be answered.

\*\*\* New Brockton - The Gamecocks are down in numbers and their coaches are singing the blues about a lack of experience, but everyone that pulls on the pads over at New Brockton is dedicated to the game and to his teammates and the bunch here is that the Gamecocks will be solid and will once again be a contender. Look for the Gamecocks to try and beat Zion Chapel at the line of scrimmage and to play old fashioned hard nosed football on every play.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel - The Rebels will be looking to open the season with a bang when they host New Brockton, and one thing that everyone should see is just how tough and physical the Rebels really are. This bunch of players has fought hard in recent years and has worked long and hard to turn the program around. While one game does not make a season, this one should give the Zion Chapel fans a pretty good idea of what kind of season they can expect.

\*\*\* Kinston - The Bulldogs are down in numbers and have a new coach, but have been hard at work and will have their hands full Friday night against Bullock County. The 'Dogs will keep it simple as they try and learn a new offense and defense, and a lot will depend on just how tough the players can be when things aren't going their way. Every game will be a challenge this season for Kinston, and the Bulldogs may need a few breaks to survive a tough early-season schedule.

\*\*\* Brantley - The Bulldogs are young, but loaded for another run at a state title and could very well be even better than they were a year ago. Brantley has speed to burn on both offense and defense, two of the best backs in the state, and a team confidence that has been developed through years and years of winning. From this desk, the Bulldogs appear just as good as ever and should be the top team in this part of the state.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* I attended the dedication of the Gaynes C. Waters Municipal Park on Saturday morning and it was great to see Gaynes get all the rewards that he so richly deserved. He taught and coached for over 40 years in the Elba system, received countless honors over the years as a sports official, and Saturday had a park named in his honor. He received plaques; resolutions from city, state and national officials; and many, many hugs from the large number of friends that were in attendance. It was an honor richly deserved and it was an honor for me to be a small part of the day.

\*\*\* The announcement last week that Legion Field's upper deck had been declared unsafe laid to rest forever the stadium's once proud declaration that it was the "Football Capitol of the South." Legion Field hosted many major events over the years, including countless from Bowl games, the SEC football championship game and even the Olympic trials in soccer. That is now only a memory, and unless funds are found to rework the stadium, it one day soon may be simply a memory.

\*\*\* The Atlanta Braves have opened up a big lead in the National League East, but it has done so with a staff of pitchers that have been surprising, to say the least, and recently the staff has taken a few bumps and bruises from other division powers. The Braves should be able to hang on and win the division, but I just have a hunch that this miracle staff has already peaked and may be headed for even more problems in the weeks to come.

\*\*\* The Elba Youth Football League teams are now hard at work in preparation for the season opener on Sept. 11. The numbers are way up in both of the smaller divisions, but the pee wee program, for boys ages 11-12, is struggling just to have enough players to field a team. The junior high program at Elba High has taken many players from the rec league, and hopefully one day the school will look at the junior high program and send back the 12 year olds for another season of rec ball. Hey, it beats standing on the sidelines.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PLEADS FOR PATIENCE

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office over the weekend and was already griping about how it was almost impossible to pick the results of high school games the opening week of the season. The local guesspeter had his usual list of excuses and used them all, but before he left he did hand me his picks for week #1 of the high school season and pleaded for his fans to be patient. Whatever!!

## ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Tigers will head up the road to Brantley to open the season and all the Elba fans are anxious to see if the Tigers new offensive attack can put enough points on the scoreboard to get past the Bulldogs. The Tigers did light up the scoreboard last week down at foggy bottom, but so did their opponents, and it will take a much improved defensive effort to come out on top this time around. Hold on to your seats...

## BRANTLEY 40 ELBA 38

## ZION CHAPEL VS. NEW BROCKTON

The Rebels can take a giant step toward becoming a winning team this week if they can find a way to handle the Gamecocks, and while the men from Jack do have a chance, this one will be won in the trenches and the troops from across the county are known for their hand to hand combat. If the Rebels can get a break or two this one could end in a surprise, however, the Gamecocks may simply be too strong up front...

## NEW BROCKTON 34 ZION CHAPEL 18

## KINSTON VS. BULLOCK COUNTY

The Bulldogs will travel up to Union Springs to open their season

against Bullock County and they had better take some insect repellent since the Hornets sting fast and then fly away even faster. Kinston should get better and better as the season rolls along, but this one just doesn't look good for the Coffee County canines...

## BULLOCK COUNTY 45 KINSTON 16

## OTHER PICKS:

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2004 ELBA TIGERS

## Elba Tigers set to invade Brantley Friday night for season opening clash with high-powered Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will kick off the 2004 high school football season Friday night when they travel to Brantley to battle the high-powered Brantley Bulldogs.

The game will be a rematch of last year's season opener, won by the Bulldogs 33-7, and will kick off at 7:00 PM.

"Brantley is rich in tradition and will be ready to play when it hits the field Friday night," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "They are very well coached, have a number of very talented running backs, led by Devaris Skanes, and know what it takes to win. Brantley will be as good as any team on our schedule, regardless of class, and there is no doubt we will have our hands full Friday night."

The Bulldogs have compiled a 49-14 record over the past five years under the direction of former Elba head coach David Lowery, and many expect the Bulldogs to challenge for the 1A state title again this season.

"We have a really good group of seniors," stated Coach Lowery in a preseason publication. "There's not many of them and there's not many juniors, but they are a really good group and have stepped up. They are doing the little things they need to do."

On offense, Brantley is expected to run out of a one back set, led by All-State running back Devaris Skanes and sophomore speedster 1,636 yards on 177 carries and scored 27 touchdowns in leading the Bulldogs to a 12-1 record last season, while Booker may be even faster than Skanes and should give the 'Dogs a potent 1-2 punch out of the backfield.

"We are going to run some one back and we'll run some two back stuff," added Coach Lowery. "We are going to try to throw the short passes, like we did last year and hopefully gain



ELBA TIGER COACHING STAFF - (l-r) Marty Marler, Wynn Grimes, Head Coach Scott Rials, Jetey Wise, Frank Phillips.

some yardage after the catch. On defense we run out of three different fronts last year and as the season goes along we will probably do that again. You have to be able to be flexible. I think our greatest strength for a 1A team is our speed. We have several players that can really run and have the chance to make big plays on both sides of the football. Hopefully that is what will happen."

"Our first game does set a tone of the rest of the year," said Lowery. "We open up with Elba as we have been for the last couple of years. It is a big game because of the closeness of the schools and they are a lot bigger school. We want to get off on the right track."

"Brantley should have won the state championship last season and will be looking to get started off on the right step Friday night against us," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Everyone knows they have the top player in the state in 1A

week, but the mistakes can and will be corrected. If we hope to pull off a win Friday night against Brantley we will have to be better on both sides of the ball and be sound in all areas."

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## SPORTS

## At 4th annual Foggy Bottom Classic

## Elba Tigers outscore Highland Home 46-41

The Elba Tigers hosted the Highland Home Flying Squadron Thursday night in the fourth annual Foggy Bottom Classic, and both teams gave their fans plenty to cheer about for all four quarters as the Tigers stopped a late Highland Home scoring threat to escape with a wild 46-41 win.

The win kept the Tigers undefeated in the annual preseason contest held at Miller Memorial Stadium and also marked Elba's first win over Highland Home in three tries.

Elba's LaRay Williams intercepted a Flying Squadron pass on the game's first play from scrimmage to set the Tigers up near midfield, but after two plays and three penalties the Tigers found themselves facing a third down and 17 back at the Elba 43-yardline. Elba's Brandon Kelly lobbed a pass deep down the middle on the third down play, and while the pass went through the hands of a Highland Home defender, it was caught by Tiger receiver Mason Gulley, who raced untouched 57 yards for a touchdown. Evan Tew kicked the extra-point and with 10:41 remaining in the opening quarter Elba owned an early 7-0 lead.

Highland Home marched to a first down at the Elba 28-yardline on its ensuing possession and reached the Elba 4-yardline late in the opening quarter. However, a quarterback sack by Elba's Bradley Bane slowed the initial scoring threat and Jesse Thigpen made a key stop on fourth down and three on the second series to keep the Flying Squadron grounded.

The goal line stand gave the Elba fans a reason to cheer, but only two plays later it was the Highland Home fans that were on their feet as Clemmie

Nichols intercepted an Elba pass and trotted into the endzone from three yards out to put the Squadron on the scoreboard. Keith Dawkins booted the extra-point and with 3:33 remaining in the first quarter the score was tied at 7-7.

Elba's Kikko Logan returned the ensuing kickoff 38 yards to the endzone when the junior halfback crashed in from four yards out. Evan Tew added the extra-point and with 10:53 left in the second quarter the Tigers were back on top 14-7.

Elba's Mason Gulley recovered a fumble in mid-air on the next offensive possession of the quarter to set the Tigers up at the Highland Home 45, and once again Elba headed toward the Flying Squadron endzone.

A 17-yard gain on a screen pass from Brandon Kelly to Kikko Logan was a key play in the scoring drive, while Kelly later gained 10 yards on a fourth down and two that moved the chains and gave the Tigers a first down at the Highland Home 19-yardline. The touchdown came on a one-yard sneak by Brandon Kelly, and Evan Tew tucked on the extra-point as Elba upped its lead to 21-7 with 5:07 left in the second quarter.

The Elba defense stopped the Flying Squadron cold on the game's next possession, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on a fumbled punt at the Elba 37-yardline, and this time the Squadron took advantage of the Tiger turnover and scored in only two plays to cut into the Elba advantage.

The Highland Home touchdown came on an 18-yard scamper by O.D. Bryant, and

although the extra-point try failed, Highland Home had cut the Elba lead to 21-13 with 2:23 remaining in the half.

Highland Home regained possession at its own 46-yardline with 1:03 left on the clock after an Elba punt and once again needed only two plays to reach paydirt. The score came on a 52-yard pass from Deymond Williams to Derrick Dulaney, and O.D. Bryant ran in the two-point conversion as the Flying Squadron caught the Tigers at 21-21 with 3:21 left in the half.

Elba received the second half kickoff and needed only one play to regain the lead as on the initial play of the third quarter Brandon Kelly scrambled out of the pocket and spotted LaRay Williams open deep down the middle of the field. Kelly's pass hit the target and Williams raced 56 yards for an Elba touchdown. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but with 11:37 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers were back on top 27-21.

Highland Home's Tony Merriweather returned the ensuing kickoff 58 yards to set the Flying Squadron up at the Elba 25-yardline, and two plays later the Squadron had landed back in the endzone, this time on a 17-yard pass from Deymond Williams to Tony Merriweather. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 10:08 remaining in the third quarter the score was tied again, this time at 27-27.

Stefan Burks returned the kickoff 20 yards to put the Tigers back in business at their own 39-yardline, and the offensive shootout continued as the Tigers covered the 61 yards in only five plays to regain the lead!

A 39-yard pass completion from Brandon Kelly to LaRay Williams was a key play in the scoring march, while the touchdown was when Kikko Logan blasted up the middle and scored on an 11-yard run. Evan Tew kicked the extra-point and with 8:07 still left in the third quarter Elba was back on top 34-27.

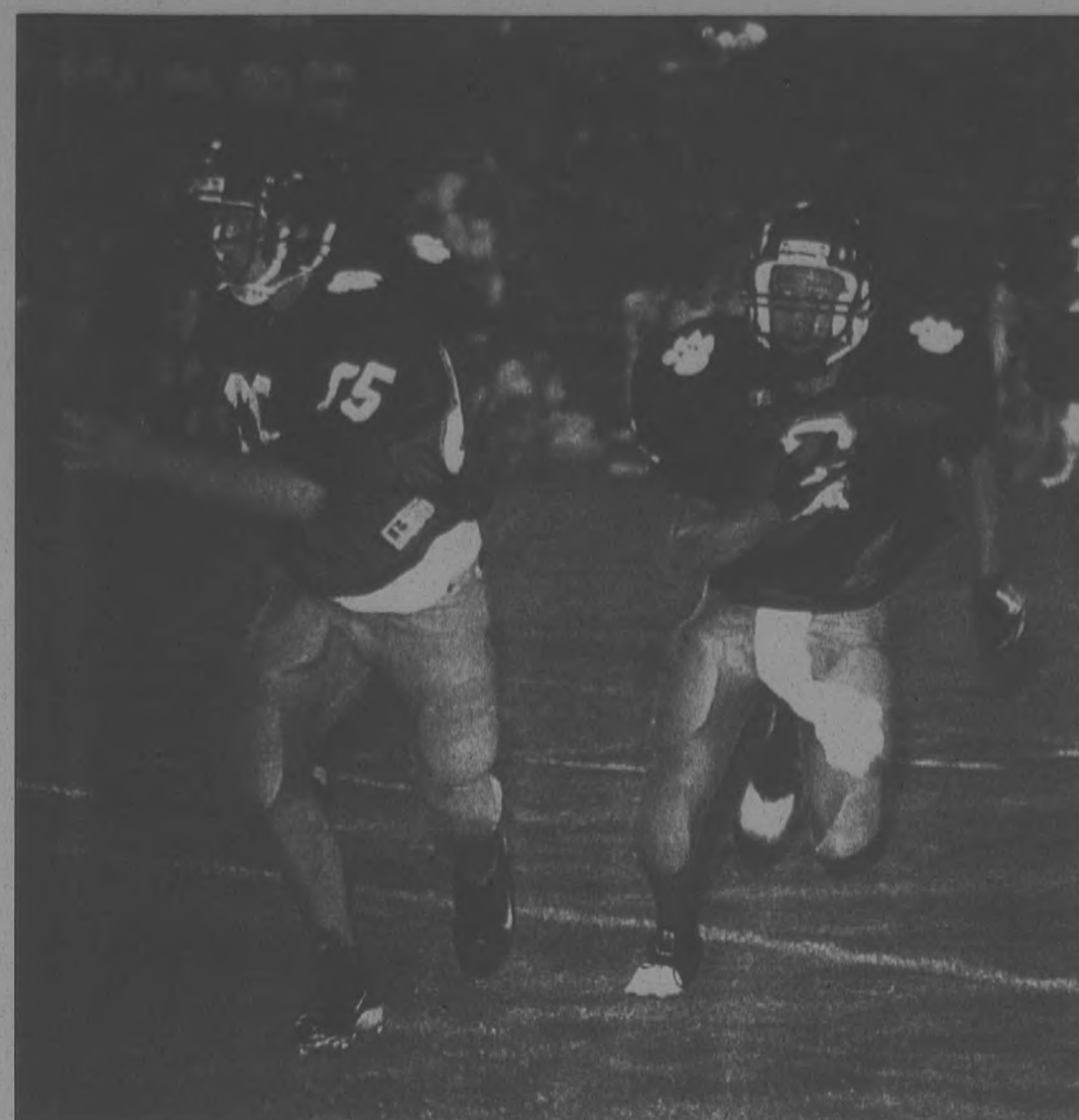
The Tigers began their next possession at their own 16-yardline following a rare punt, and once again struck quickly as they covered the 84 yards to paydirt in only two plays. The touchdown came when Brandon Kelly connected with Guy Anderson on a short crossing pattern and the speedy junior receiver broke past the Highland Home secondary and raced 73 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 6:10 left in the third quarter Elba was on top 40-27.

Elba's Mason Gulley intercepted a Highland Home pass on the Squadron's next possession and returned it 31 yards to set the Tigers up at the Highland Home 8-yardline, and one play later Kikko Logan scored on a 6-yard scamper to put Elba back in the endzone. The extra-point attempt was wide, but with 3:59 left in the third quarter the Tigers owned a 46-27 advantage and appeared to finally be in control.

Highland Home needed only one possession to get back in the game, however, as the Flying Squadron took the ensuing kick and marched 55 yards in nine plays to cut into the Elba advantage. Highland Home gained 44 yards on seven running plays during the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 14-yard pass from Deymond Williams to Tony Merriweather. Merriweather ran in the two-point conversion, and with 11:53 left in the final quarter Elba's lead was cut to 46-35.

The teams swapped turnovers on their next three possessions as Highland Home's Corey Petty intercepted a Tiger toss, Elba's Kaleb Dyess pounced on a Squadron fumble, and Highland Home's O.D. Bryant picked off an Elba pass.

Bryant's interception set the Flying Squadron up at the Elba 44-yardline, and seven plays later Highland Home was back in the endzone. Deymond Williams hooked up with Arico Harris twice for 33 yards during the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard sneak by Williams. A two-point



Elba defensive back Mason Gulley (6) looks for room to run after making an interception as teammate Wade Kindred (55) looks for defenders to block. The Tigers will travel to Brantley Friday night to meet the Brantley Bulldogs in the regular season opener for both teams. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

conversion failed, and with 4:50 left on the clock in the fourth quarter Elba's lead had been chopped to 46-41.

Highland Home regained possession at its own 32-yardline with 1:44 left in the game after stopping Elba on a fourth down and three at the Flying Squadron 33, and once again headed toward the Elba endzone.

A 14-yard pass from Deymond Williams to Tony Merriweather quickly moved the Squadron near the midfield stripe, and three plays later Williams hooked up with Derrick Dulaney for a 15-yard gain on fourth down and 5 as Highland Home moved to the Elba 33-yardline with 28 remaining on the clock. A 10-yard completion from Williams to Merriweather moved the Squadron to the Elba 23, but the drive never got any closer to the Tiger goal as on the next play Elba linebacker Guy Anderson stepped in front of a Williams pass to end the threat, and give the Tigers the wild 46-41 win.

Kikko Logan gained 84 yards on 17 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead Elba back to the ground, while Brandon Kelly added 30 yards on 6 carries and connected on 8 of 19 passes for 267 yards and 3 touchdowns. LaRay Williams pulled in 3 passes for 103 yards and 1 touchdown, while Guy Anderson had 2 receptions for 83 yards and 1 score and Mason Gulley had 1 catch for 57 yards, with that catch going for a Tiger touchdown.

O.D. Bryant gained 91 yards on 18 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead the Highland Home ground game, while Tony Merriweather pulled in 11 passes for 116 yards and 2 scores.

Bradley Bane had 7 tackles and 1 assist to lead the Elba defense, while Kikko Logan added 6 stops and 2 assists and Jesse Thigpen had 5 tackles and 1 assist. Mason Gulley recovered a fumble and also had a pass interception, while LaRay Williams and Guy Anderson both had a pass interception and Kaleb Dyess also had a fumble recovery.

## STATISTICS

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13	1st Downs	23
28-119	Passing Yds.	35-133
267	Passing Yds.	247
386	Total Offense	380
8-19-3	Passes	18-36-3
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	2/2
2-28	Punts-Ave.	2-28
10-93	Penalties-Yds.	11-84



Elba Tiger head coach Scott Rials (wearing hat) barks instructions to his team as other coaches watch the action along the sidelines.



Elba Tiger placekicker Evan Tew (89) boots the first extra-point of the game in last week's 46-41 win over Highland Home. Handling the placement chores is Jacob Forbes (7).

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# SPORTS



**ELBA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS IN KINSTON TOURNAMENT.** Both the Elba Tiger varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams will be in action this weekend at the Kinston Set-Off Volleyball Tournament, to be held at the Kinston High School gym. Both teams will open play on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM. (In the photo above (l-r) Mallory Allen and Ashleigh Waddall await a serve in action from last season.)

## Will Mack makes successful return to racing action at South Alabama Speedway in Kinston

By Mark Chisum

Last season at South Alabama Speedway, Will Mack won often in the Roadrunner class. Mack decided to move up to the Street Stock class for the 2004, but delays in finishing the new car pushed his initial Street Stock start back. Mack finally made that first start Saturday night, and after 25 laps, looked right at home in Victory Lane.

Harold Hurt took the lead to begin the 25-lap feature. Mack followed Derek Deese through the field, moving into third on lap nine. Mack moved to the outside of Deese on the next lap to take second just before the yellow flag waved. On the restart, Mack went to the outside of Hurt, completing the pass as they headed out of turn four. Once out front, Mack was able to maintain a comfortable lead over Deese for the remainder of the race. Deese was four car lengths back at the checkered flag. Sam Smith finished third, followed by Gary Morse and Charles Cotton.

Scotty Anderson captured his 11th Super Stock Feature win of 2004. Anderson, starting on the pole, led all 25 laps to take the win. Andy Pugh, starting in the rear, moved into second by lap four, but by then Anderson had already checked out. Pugh spent the rest of the race chasing Anderson, but never made a serious bid for the lead. The best battle of the race was for third. Greg Rabern and David Ashley fought all race for the spot, many times side by side. Rabern eventually won the position. Jerry Weatherington was right behind him in fifth.

In the Vintage Feature, Ted Shores took the lead on lap 15 and went on to win. Jason Windham took the early lead before Duane Bates took over on lap three. Shores ran Bates down and challenged for the top spot for several laps. Finally, on lap 14, Shores got the inside position on Bates and took the lead as they exited turn two. Bates was able to stay close, but Shores led him to the checkers by a car length. Teddy Sasser was in the lead mix for a while, but faded back in third. Jesse Smith was fourth and O.E. Moon fifth.

Kevin Peel picked up his seventh Modified Feature win. Jamie Ater took the early lead while Peel was coming through the pack. Peel moved into third on lap four and began to challenge Ater for the lead. Ater was able to hold off Peel's advancement for several laps. Peel finally went to the outside of

Ater to take the lead on lap 17. Peel led the remaining nine laps to take his latest win. Ken Gibson finished third with Jeff Darby fourth, and Randy

Sherwood fifth.

In the night's most exciting race, the roadrunner Feature, Tim Peters took a close win over Jason Singletary and Jerry Hudson. Peters charged through the field to take the lead on lap four, bringing Singletary with him. Singletary challenged Peters for the lead for the remainder of the race. Hudson joined the fray around the half way point. The trio went side by side, nose to tail for last half of the race. Singletary was able to pull even with Peters on a couple of occasions, but Peters witheld the challenges. In the closing laps, Hudson was able to get beside Singletary, which gave some relief to Peters. Singletary and Hudson were on Peters' bumper as they followed crossed the line. Bobby Monaghan was fourth and LaDunn Stokes fifth.

In the Coyotes Feature, David Scott led all the way to take the win. Pebo Smith chased Scott all race but settled for second. Tracy Thompson was third with John Bugge fourth and Terry White fifth.

For more information, contact the track at (334)565-3539, or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamaspeedway.com/](http://www.southalabamaspeedway.com/)

### Results

1. Scotty Anderson
2. Andy Pugh
3. Greg Rabern
4. David Ashley
5. Jerry Weatherington
6. Ken Pettis
7. Todd Blackburn
8. Jamie Ater
9. Bill Brown

### Vintage

1. Ted Shores
2. Duane Bates
3. Teddy Sasser
4. Jesse Smith
5. O.E. Moon
6. Donald DeShazo
7. Jason Windham

### Modified

1. Kevin Peel
2. Jamie Ater
3. Ken Gibson
4. Jeff Darby
5. Randy Sherwood
6. Bret Hanson

### Street Stock

1. Will Mack
2. Derek Deese
3. Sam Smith
4. Gary Morse
5. Charles Cotton
6. Kyle Sims
7. Jason Fowler
8. Harold Hurt
9. Ray Hudson
10. Mike Walding
11. Scott Morse

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2. Jason Singletary
3. Jerry Hudson
4. Bobby Monaghan
5. LaDunn Stokes
6. Danny Monaghan
7. Danny Palmer

## New Brockton Gamecocks prepare for battle against Zion Chapel Rebels in cross-county clash

One team looking to turn things around and another looking to continue its recent winning ways will butt heads Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack, when the Zion Chapel Rebels host the New Brockton Gamecocks in a cross-county grudge match.

The Rebels struggled to a 1-9 record a year ago and will be under the direction of second-year head coach Harry Lees, while the Gamecocks posted a 6-4 slate in 2003 and are once again under the guidance of veteran coach Shannon Clark.

"We had good support last year and our kids have worked hard," stated Coach Lees in a

recent preseason publication. Everything started to come together over the summer and I got the young kids out that want to be a part of Zion Chapel football. Hopefully that will pay off this year."

The Rebels will kick off the season with 23 varsity players, including 10 starters on offense and 9 on defense. On offense, Zion Chapel will be led up front by junior guard D.J. Stinson and senior center William McCurdy, while in the backfield junior quarterback Abe Childs will run the Rebel's triple-option attack. Senior running backs Michael Sneed and Charlie Hurd will carry the load on the ground,

and when the Rebels do go to the airways the top receiver will be Austin Smith, who last season caught 8 touchdown passes.

"I have told our kids we will likely go up to Zion Chapel and be in a dogfight," said Coach Shannon Clark in a preseason publication. "Zion Chapel is hungry like a lot of teams on our schedule and right now I don't think we are. I am looking for something positive to go with and we have to find it soon."

The Gamecocks will continue

to operate out of the wing-t on offense and will be led by a trio of returning starters in the offensive line and their returning starter at quarterback. Back to anchor the line are Wesley Tatem (240), Doug Salter (200) and Wesley McCormick (205), while junior quarterback Derek Cook will again lead the offensive attack. Teaming up with Cook in the backfield will be wing back Tanner Medley and speedsters Justin West and Junior Magwood.

## Kinston Bulldogs hope to avoid sting of Hornets in visit to Bullock County for season opening game

The Kinston Bulldogs will kick off the 2004 high school football season on Friday night when they make the long trip to Union Springs to tangle with the Bullock County Hornets.

It will be the first meeting ever for the two teams on the gridiron, and the 4A Hornets will provide a stern test for the 1A Bulldogs.

"We have had our ups and downs this preseason," stated Coach Larry Cotney in a preseason publication, "but overall I am pleased. I think I have striven too much for perfection and I must realize that we are mostly an inexperienced team."

The loss of 27 seniors over a two-year span resulted in a 3-6 record a year ago, and added to the losses was that of head coach Gary Glass, who left the coaching ranks to enter administration at New Brockton.

The Bulldogs will return 5 starters on both offense and defense, but only five seniors are on the 29-man squad, and Coach Cotney must rebuild in a hurry if Kinston hopes to improve on last season's record.

Leading the way on offense will be junior quarterback Garret Parker (165), while in the backfield senior Cole Meeks (210) and junior Keith Tew (180) will be asked to help carry the load. Seniors Billy Johnson (185) and Dustin Hanks (200) will lead the charge in the offensive line, and will get help from junior Joseph McCrummen (175) and freshman Lee McCrummen (165).

"We will have to be in great physical shape because all our kids will be asked to play many different facets of the game," added Coach Cotney, who was an assistant for five years at Kinston before taking over the head coaching position. "We must limit our mistakes and play with intensity to have a chance to be successful."

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## Kinston Bulldogs participate in four-team preseason football game

by Scott Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Columbia Friday night where they teamed with the Barbour County Jaguars to take on the Houston County Lions partnered with the Wicksburg Panthers.

In the first quarter, Barbour County played offense against Houston County, and Kinston took defense against Wicksburg. Barbour County punted on the first series of downs, and Wicksburg moved quickly against the Bulldog defense to take an early 6-0 lead.

Barbour County used four plays and a long Darius Kennedy run to tie the game at 6-6.

The Bulldog defense was unable to keep Wicksburg out of

the endzone, and at the end of the first quarter Kinston/Barbour County trailed 19-6.

In the second quarter, Kinston operated on offense against the Wicksburg Panthers.

The Bulldogs were forced to punt on the first three possessions of the second quarter while Houston County added two more touchdowns against the Barbour County defense.

The Bulldogs' best chance to score came late in the first half.

A long run by Keith Tew gained first down yardage. Next, an 8-yard pass from Garret Parker to tight end Billy Johnson and a hard run by Cole Meeks netted another first down for the Bulldog team. However, a fumble ended the drive near the 35-yard line.

At halftime, the out-of-town-



The Kinston Bulldog cheerleaders and mascot are ready to cheer the Bulldogs to a winning season beginning Friday night when the 1A team tangles with the 4A Bullock County Hornets.

ers trailed 35-6.

The third quarter opened with

Kinston on offense against the Houston County Lions.

Fumbles ended the first two drives, and they were forced to punt on their last possession. On defense, Barbour County could do no better containing the Wicksburg offense as the Panthers added three more touchdowns.

Kinston moved back to defense for the fourth quarter as they faced the Houston County offense, and the Bulldogs were this time able to keep the Lions from scoring.

Garret Parker intercepted a pass, and the Lions twice turned the ball over on downs.

Barbour County's Darius Kennedy rushed for his second touchdown of the game to yield a final score of 56-12 in favor of the Houston County/Wicksburg teams.

The Kinston Bulldogs will begin the 2004 regular season Friday night, Aug. 27, when they travel to Union Springs to take on the 4A Bullock County Hornets.

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